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146	126	4	142	2	5	1	5	13	133

Privatisation of Infrastructural Facilities

38. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA:

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned, "Drinking Water, sanitation facilities may be privatised in metros" appearing in the 'Financial Express', New Delhi dated June 25, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the time by which these facilities are likely to be privatised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of the huge gap between the resources required for providing safe adequate drinking water supply and sanitation facilities for the urban population and the availability of financial resources, the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment has been planned to convene a National Workshop of States and Central/Private Bodies concerned with the subject to discuss and evolve ways and means/guidelines for attracting private sector investment/participation.

(c) and (d) It is the policy of the Government to encourage private investment in providing infrastructural facilities. However, as water supply and sanitation is a State subject, it is mainly for the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies to take a final view in the matter.

Subletting of Government Accommodation

39. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government quarters are still being illegally sub-letted particularly in Nanakpura and Sarojini Nagar in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry/check in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the findings of the enquiry made; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to check sub-letting of the Government accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (d) A survey of Government houses in different areas including Sarojini Nagar and Nanakpura was undertaken in 1995. On the basis of inspection reports, show-cause notices were issued in the suspected cases of subletting in 367 & 212 cases in Sarojini Nagar and Nanakpura respectively. After following the prescribed procedure, cancellation orders have been issued in 143 & 92 cases in Sarojini Nagar and Nanakpura respectively. Conducting such inspections is a continuous process on receipt on any complaints or suspected subletting.

[English]

Fissile Materials Production Cut-off Treaty

40. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal through international aegis soliciting India's ratification of the "Fissile Materials Production Cut-off Treaty";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision in connection with the ratification of the aforesaid treaty; and

(d) its implications in relation to India's nuclear security and disarmament policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) No Sir. Negotiations for a Fissile Materials Cut-off Treaty have not commenced. As such the question of ratification does not arise.

(d) India has consistently called for a universal and verifiable ban on production of fissionable material for weapons purposes and believes that a multilaterally negotiated, universally applicable and non-discriminatory treaty banning the production of fissile materials for weapon purposes should be part of a step by step process of global nuclear disarmament aimed at achieving the complete elimination of all nuclear weapons within a specified time frame.